

MR. T. J. STALEY.

The New Proprietor of Iowa's Roller Mill—Sketch of His Life, Which Has Been a Prominent and a Useful One.

With the rapid growth of Iowa we have gained many citizens who have occupied positions of trust and much responsibility, whose reputations are such that their advent into our prosperous and thriving city adds a great deal to its reputation for solidity and business acumen. Some of these citizens have already become favorably known to a portion of our people, while others have as yet acquired but a limited circle of acquaintances. One of the latter class is Mr. T. J. Staley, who has just assumed the proprietorship of Iowa's Roller Mill. As Mr. Staley comes to us strongly recommended as a gentleman of high attainments in business circles, and with a clean reputation for probity and honesty, the REGISTER has compiled a sketch of his life, and as it will be of interest to our many readers, we cheerfully accord the sketch space in our columns.

Mr. T. J. Staley was born in Marion county, Ohio, January 8, 1833. His early boyhood was spent upon a farm and in attending the district schools. His education was completed at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, from which institution he graduated in the spring of 1852. Before he had reached his majority in the fall of 1852, he became a resident of Toledo, Iowa, which town he helped to "stake out." He built the first house in Toledo, and was the first treasurer and recorder of Tama county when it was organized. He was engaged in the dry goods business there, and together with his partner built the first flouring mill the town had. In the spring of 1854 he went to Washington, D. C., to accept of a clerkship in the treasury department. While in Washington Mr. Staley studied law and was graduated from the Columbia Law School, of that city, in 1859, and was admitted to the bar the same year. Having large land interests in Iowa, Mr. Staley resigned his position in the treasury department in 1872, and returned to that State. During his two years stay in Iowa he disposed of his property and in 1874 went to Angola, Indiana, where he engaged in the milling business. In 1875 he sold his mill at Angola and went to Sturgis, Michigan, where he bought a mill, which he ran until 1877. He then traded for a mill in Erie, Neosho county, Kansas, which he conducted until 1880. During his residence in Erie he practiced law, where he had a large clientele.

Mr. Staley again went to Washington, to accept of a position in the Department of the Interior. While filling that position he had charge of the Indian depletion claims. Because of his Republican "proclivities" Mr. Staley was invited to step down and out of office during Grover Cleveland's administration. In 1889 he was appointed as special agent in the Indian office. His duties were to investigate the claims resulting from the depositions of Indians, a most responsible position, inasmuch as upon his judgment claims of many thousands of dollars were allowed and paid. His duties in this position took him all over the west and north-west, as far as the Pacific coast. In 1891 he engaged in the real estate business in Washington, which he continued until 1899, when he located in the eastern portion of Allen county, on a farm. Together with his son he ran the farm until recently, when he traded his interest in the farm to Davis Brothers for their mill in Iowa, he taking possession of the mill property December 18, 1900.

It is the intention of Mr. Staley to conduct the mill in a manner which will leave no room for fault-finding upon the part of the patron of the same. His experience eminently qualifies him for successfully running the business, and as he is a careful and conscientious business man he will surely succeed. When the needs require, the capacity of the mill, which is now eighty barrels of flour and 200 bushels of corn per day, will be increased. It is his intention to handle feed and hay, and also coal.

The REGISTER takes pleasure in welcoming Mr. Staley to Iowa, and is of the opinion that he will, in every way, prove worthy of the confidence of our people. Our city wants live, energetic progressive citizens and business men; and the REGISTER will always be found ready and willing to do all in its power to further the interests of all reputable new comers. An when we bespeak for Mr. Staley the consideration and patronage of the people, we do so feeling that the general interests of Iowa is best subserved when all institutions of an industrial or manufacturing nature are made prosperous by the good will of our people.

E. H. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine **Laxative Bromo-Quinine** Tablets and the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

Improve That River Road.

Monday the county commissioners accepted and paid for another stone arch bridge on the river road, leading west of town. This completes the road so far as bridges are concerned, for some two miles—as far west as the high hills. There are half a dozen culverts, all high and solid and the only thing that remains to make of that main highway into Iowa—the only one from the west—a first class pike is to grade up and improve the road itself.

Neosho Falls and Humboldt, the two towns on the river next Iowa, both have found fine gravel beds and possess streets which are as fine as macadam the year around. There are gravel pits around Iowa and if the energy could once be aroused to put fifty teams to work for a week or two hauling gravel and dumping it on the river road, in a short time we should have two miles of high, hard, always dry road that would be a continuous inducement for farmers west of town to trade here, whereas now they would rather drive farther than to essay that mucky bottom.

The increase in trade which such an improvement would bring to Iowa would more than pay for the expense in a very few years. Why are all road improvement suggestions simply pronounced "good" and then allowed to drop out of sight? The county and town have spent hundreds of dollars on the stone culverts on the road and that money is as good as wasted unless other money is found to improve the road. If the town would put up some money and the farmers who use the road would donate their teams for a nominal hire the road could be fixed up next spring without costing anybody much, and would be a joy forever.

THOMPSON AND OTTEN.

A Firm Which Combines Ability and Enterprise, Two Striking Characteristics of Iowa Business Men.

The business people of Iowa are noted for their enterprise, while the ability displayed in the individual efforts to keep at the head of the procession must certainly be pleasing to those who admire push and go-aheadiveness. During the past year or two there have been many additions to and changes in ranks of our business people, and with each change the reputation of our city has advanced. It is an acknowledged fact that the drone has no business being in business in Iowa, which is recognized as the best city in southeast Kansas. To be successful here the business man, no matter what his line, must be "up and doing" or he will "get lost in the shuffle."

One of our newest firms is that composed of F. P. Thompson and John Otten. These gentlemen are not new to this place, for both have been identified with our business interests for a number of years; but their partnership and their business is new, and the combining of their interests makes a very strong firm. In August Mr. Thompson who is known to all as "Felix," bought out Robert Barnes, who ran the Windsor restaurant. A number of radical changes were made in the business, one of which was the name, it now being known as the Owl Restaurant. About two months later Mr. Otten was admitted to a partnership.

The ability displayed in the management of the Owl Restaurant and Short Order house is rapidly advancing it to the front, bidding fair to outstrip older competitors in public favor. The service they accord to the public is of the best character, all orders being gotten up in the best possible manner. The Owl Restaurant occupies pleasant quarters in the Odd Fellows' building, West Madison street, where the best market affords is assured to all patrons.

Just Saved His Life.

It was a thrilling escape that Charlie Davis of Bowerston, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die from Consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cures have for 25 years proven it's power to cure all Throat, Chest, and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed at Evans Brother's Drug Store.

Auctioneer.

I will cry sales in Neosho and adjoining counties. Satisfaction guaranteed or no charge made. Write or telephone Urbana, Kansas, J. W. Frills.

For Sale or Trade.

Three pool tables for sale, also Hereford better calf. Mrs. Mary (Wolf) Kayne, Gas City.

M. F. Sledy is mile south and two miles east of LaHarpe has Brown Leghorn Cookers for sale the each.

Lost: Saturday on the streets of Iowa a double tree. Finder return to W. M. Endicott, Humboldt, Kansas.

SMALLPOX FOUND IN TOWN.

A Very Mild Case Which it is Hoped Can be Quarantined Without Spreading.

The expected has happened and smallpox has appeared in town, just as it has appeared in most of the larger places of the state. Dr. Fulton was called to wait upon Robert Johnson, a young man who some time ago boarded with the family of Mr. S. R. Merchant. Mr. Johnson left several weeks ago and returned not long since and was taken down with what seemed a slight fever. Dr. Fulton visited him when he was first taken and the second time he saw him two days later which was Monday he saw that it was a well marked case of smallpox. The attack is very light, milder if anything than the cases here last winter. Mr. Johnson was not vaccinated last year, and hence when exposed while away he took the disease.

The city authorities have been notified and the Merchant family being perfectly willing to use every precaution, the house will be quarantined at once and the utmost effort be used in stamping out the disease. Medical authorities predict a return of the smallpox this winter and every person should be careful to shun the contagion and help prevent the spread of the disease and thus save the city and county a big bill of expense. The disease seems to be more expensive than dangerous.

Two of the young men who were boarding at the Merchant house when the quarantine was established have skipped, in the hope of escaping the quarantine. They should be compelled to remain indoors until all danger is past.

Funeral of Harvey Christian.

The remains of Rev. Harvey Christian were not brought here for burial as some expected, but he was laid to rest in Emporia, his wife's home. The Republican has this account of the funeral:

Died: At his home in Florence, Saturday, December 15th, Rev. Harvey S. Christian, pastor of the Presbyterian church at that place. Death followed an operation for appendicitis. Until near the end strong hopes of the patient's recovery had been entertained, so that the shock to friends was all the more severe.

Mr. Christian was thirty years old just the day before his decease. From near Iowa, where his childhood was spent, he came to Emporia College in the fall of '90, graduating four years later and then taking a full course in theology at Princeton, N. J. In the fall of '97 he accepted a call to the pastorate at Florence, where he labored faithfully and successfully to the last. In June '98 he was married to Miss Eleanor G. Richter, of Emporia, to whom many hearts will go out in sympathy in this sad bereavement. The unusual number in attendance at the funeral, conducted by Rev. F. J. Sauber, D. D., of this place, testifies to the great love and esteem in which he was held by the people of Florence. After the funeral the remains were brought here for interment. A large number of friends were at the station and accompanied the sorrowing relatives, among whom was the deceased's widowed mother, Dr. Mapleywood. There rests the sacred dust of the man of God, awaiting the resurrection day.

Salvation Army Christmas Tree.

After the gentle custom which has made them beloved the world over, the Salvation army of Iowa will prepare a Christmas tree on Christmas eve for the little folks who have not other Christmas trees to enjoy. And it will be prepared in their hall over Wolf's grocery on the north side and the army was out today soliciting gifts for the tree. They should meet with every encouragement and assistance.

The army will also look the town over in search of those who may be unprovided with necessary winter comforts. For this purpose they would like donations of clothing and food, furniture and bed clothes. Leave such at their hall or send your address and the things will be called for.

Protesting on Taxation.

In district court Wednesday the Iowa Gas Company brought suit against county treasurer Francis Wilson, to prevent her from collecting the taxes assessed against the company. They set up that they properly turned in a valuation of their personal property amounting to \$10,800 on March 1. On June 13, they say the commissioners met and decided to advance the valuation of city personal property 20 per cent and hoisted the Gas Company up to \$12,960. Again on June 16 the board met and without due notice lumped the company's assessment in at \$24,000. The company objects to these figures and will test the matter in the courts.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cents. Samples free at Iowa drug stores.

INVADING THE COLONY

The Boers seem to be Taking the Aggressive Again

They are Putting up Unexpectedly Hard Fights and are

INVADING CAPE COLONY

In Such Force as to Seriously Trouble the

English Authorities, who Fear that the End of war is yet far off

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Johannesburg, Dec. 20.—Heavy cannonading was heard yesterday north of Krugersdorp, near the Magaliesberg mountains. It is believed that Clements has again engaged Delarey who so severely defeated him on Magaliesberg December 12. Clements has been strongly reinforced. The Boers are very active between here and Pretoria.

London, Dec. 19.—It is reported this afternoon that General Knox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of General DeWet, owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange river. It is said that 3,000 republicans have entered Cape Colony, and a similar number have reached Philippstown. The report adds that DeWet, with about 4,500 men, is northwest of Ladybrand, and that an attack on Winburg is momentarily expected.

The Orange river separates Cape Colony territory and the Orange Free state. Philippstown is about twenty miles below the Orange river and due south of Kimberley about 150 miles. Ladybrand is on the other side of the Orange Free state about seventy miles and due east of Bloemfontein. Ladybrand is on the Caledon river, separating the Orange Free state from Basutoland. It is about fifty miles northeast of that portion of the river bottom where DeWet broke through Knox's line and made for the north.

TO REFUND FARE.

Twentieth Kansas Men Who Paid Their Own Fare Want It Back.

Topeka, Dec. 19.—Many of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers came home from Manila on sick leave ahead of the regiment. They had to pay their own way from San Francisco. The regiment was brought home at the expense of the state. Now it is proposed to reimburse those who came ahead on sick leave. A bill to that effect has already been drawn up and will be introduced in the legislature. Captain Adna G. Clark is trying to become the agent of the boys in the collection of the claim, which will aggregate about \$4,000.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and la grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by Iowa Druggists.

Gas Land For Sale.

Two miles from the railroad, north of LaHarpe, 1 quarter or less. Address P. O. Box 534, LaHarpe, Kans.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by Iowa druggists.


A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depends largely upon the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by Evans Bros' Druggist.

A \$45.00 six hole steel range with reservoir and warming closet for \$40.00 at Schell & Bairds.

Hastening young man can make \$60 per month and expenses. Permanent position. Experience unnecessary. Write quick for particulars Clark & Co., 4th and Locust streets Philadelphia, Pa.

A \$50.00 six hole steel range with reservoir and warming closet for \$45.00 at Schell & Bairds.




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For The Children
Fine Books For Everybody

Books by the Thousand
500 Titles, Good Old Books at 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c.
100 Titles in fine Bindings at 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.
100 Titles in Poems of All Kinds at 15c to \$5.00.
100 Titles in New and Recent Popular Books
50 Titles in Very Fine Rich Bindings.
100 Titles in Illustrated Juvenile Books.
100 Titles in Colored Picture Books.

We have a few very nice toys, and some cheap ones, but are closing them out, and you can buy at almost your own price.

EVANS BROS.,
Iola, Kansas



THE B. P. O. ELKS BAZAAR.

Committees Hard at Work and Everything Promises Splendidly for the Holiday Entertainment.

Progress in the matter of the Elks Bazaar has now been made so that the statement can be confidently made that it is going to be a great success. As previously announced the business men gave liberally in the matter of premiums, to the amount of close to \$1,000 worth, and the committee of ladies who solicited fancy work and the numberless household nick-nacks and comforts, were equally successful. The result is a great collection of most desirable gifts and articles for sale at the Bazaar. All who contributed to the ladies are asked to deliver their donations at Northrup's store not later than Friday evening, as the committee wishes to remove them to the hall on that date.

The Bazaar will last one full week, beginning Christmas eve, Dec. 24, and ending Saturday night, Dec. 29.

At the hall each evening there will be something to amuse and entertain. A short, spicy program will be given each night, the rooms will be filled with booths where refreshments, sweetmeats, toys, fancy work, and an endless array of desirable articles may be purchased.

All the prizes offered will be on exhibition at the hall each night, and each ticket of admission will entitle the purchaser to an equal chance to draw one of the prizes, from the \$250 Newman piano down to the smallest prize on the list. Each ticket has a coupon which will be detached at the door and deposited in a box, the purchaser retaining the ticket. Both ticket and coupon bear the same number. On the last night a committee chosen from the citizens of the town will conduct the drawing in an impartial and equitable way that will insure to each ticket an equal chance to draw a prize. Tickets may be purchased now of any members of the lodge or at Northrup's or Sleeper's. The price is fifty cents and whether you attend the Bazaar or not, you can preserve your chance at the prizes by sending your coupon with your name and address written plainly on the back, to the committee. This will be deposited in the box and drawn out just as are the ones of people present.

The list of prizes which will be drawn absolutely free by the holders of the lucky numbers on admission tickets is as follows, most of them being on exhibition at the bazaar:

Northrup estate, 1 Lot.	\$100.00
E. K. Taylor, 1 Lot in Gas City.	75.00
Ponseler & Robinson Bros., 5,000 brick.	25.00
T. B. Shannon, 1 Garland stove.	20.00
Carlson's Furniture Store, 1 Fancy Bedstead.	16.00
Sleeper's Furniture Store, 1 Parlor Cabinet.	15.00
C. H. DeClute, 1 Overcoat.	15.00
Hub Clothing Company, 1 Suit.	15.00
C. B. Spencer & Co., Ladies Dressing Cabinet.	15.00
Ross, Jeweler, 1 Tea set.	15.00
F. J. Horton, Prize.	15.00
A. Finston, 10 Sacks U. S. Patent Flour.	11.00
Wm. Scott, 1 Year's Shaving.	10.00
Mr. Turner, 1 Ladies Dress Hat.	10.00
Ramsay Brothers, 1 Ladies Jacket.	10.00
Miss Furbush, 1 Ladies Dress Hat.	10.00
Lucy-Shields, 1 Overcoat.	10.00
Campbell & Burrell, 1 Medicine.	10.00
Campbell & Burrell, Prize.	10.00
Evans Bros., Two Prizes.	10.00
T. M. Hart, 1 Chamber Set.	10.00
Chicago Lumber Co., Lumber.	10.00

Many Marriage Licenses

The giving of presents is the distinctive feature of the holiday season and it looks as if the young people of the county were starting out lavishly. Among those who have taken out licenses during the past week to give themselves to each other are:

R. J. Eaton, Iola.	28
Jeanette Cutsinger, Iola.	19
Quincey E. Lacey, Moran.	25
Daisy E. Elin, Moran.	25
Archie D. Elin, Moran.	22
Laura M. Lacey, Moran.	19
Claude M. Swartz, Lennapa, I. T.	21
Clara Edwards, Iola.	19
Frank Porter, Emporia.	23
Anna Jones, Emporia.	18
Cliff J. Eastwood, Moran.	25
Hattie E. Wright, Moran.	21
R. R. Ross, Humboldt.	21
Laura V. Buxley, Iola.	19
Gustave Guidner, Rice county.	38
Josie Hoxley, Bayard.	36
J. R. Hall, Bronson.	22
Luella Hammel, Bronson.	22
John H. Adams, Wise.	39
Myrtle Smart, Colony.	19
George W. Nicholson, Elmore.	23
Ora E. Anderson, Elmore.	19
Quincey E. Long, Humboldt.	28
Ora A. Shidley, Humboldt.	23

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Wadding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Hay and Corn Wanted.

If it is easier for you to pay your subscription to the REGISTER in hay or corn than in cash, come along with the produce. Would prefer clover or timothy hay but will take extra fine prairie hay. Market price allowed.